

REMARKS

Claims 5, 8-9, 11-16, 20 and 23 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 5 and 8 have been amended to recite that the releasable protective film is laminated directly on the cleaning layer based on, for example, the Examples of the specification. Claim 15 has been amended to depend from claim 5 and 8.

Entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested.

Initially, Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the telephone interview conducted with Applicants' representative on December 9, 2009, December 22, 2009, and December 28, 2009. Applicants believe that the interview was helpful in advancing the prosecution of the present application.

In addition, it is submitted that claim 15 is a process claim and requires all the limitations of claims 5 and 8. Accordingly, upon allowance of claims 5 and 8, rejoinder of claim 15 is respectfully requested.

Claims 5, 8-9, 20 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Terada et al. (WO 03/052045).

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection for the reasons of record and for the following.

It is respectfully submitted that Terada does not disclose, teach or suggest a releasable protective film is laminated directly on the cleaning layer, as recited in claims 5 and 8. Hence, Terada does not render the present invention according to claim 5 or 8 obvious, and it is respectfully submitted that claims 5 and 8 are patentable over Terada.

Further, claims 9, 20 and 23 depend from claim 5 or claim 8, and thus it is respectfully submitted that these claims are patentable for at least the same reasons.

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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In view of the above, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

II. Conclusion

Reconsideration and allowance of claims 5, 8-9, 15, 20 and 23 is respectfully requested.

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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